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In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2003, please enter the attached 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 declaration.

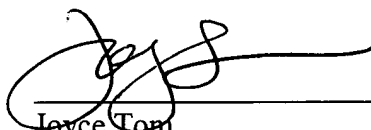
In the attached 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 declaration, counsel for Applicants states that the invention described in the above-identified patent application was conceived prior to February 23, 2001, the earliest priority date for the Forth reference. In support, Exhibit A is submitted, which is a true and correct copy of a letter instructing counsel to prepare a patent application based on the confidential invention disclosure describing the invention. Exhibit B is a privileged communication between counsel and Applicants, and is included solely to demonstrate due diligence in the filing of the above-identified patent application.

If there are any questions, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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